

Judge Ronald Kessler

Ronald Kessler has been a King County Superior Court judge since 1999 and previously served as a Seattle Municipal Court judge for fifteen years. He is a graduate of Washington and Lee University and Villanova University School of Law.

Judge Kessler was a VISTA lawyer with Seattle Legal Services from 1972 to 1973. He was a partner with the firm of Kessler and Pedowitz from 1973 to 1975. He joined the Seattle-King County Public Defender Association in 1976, where he served as a staff attorney in the misdemeanor, felony, and juvenile divisions, and also as felony and misdemeanor division supervisor.

Judge Kessler has served as a member of the Board for Judicial Administration. He was a member of the Board of Governors of the District and Municipal Court Judges Association of the State of Washington from 1989 to 1995, and has served on the District and Municipal Court Judges Association Court Rules and Benchbook Committees. He also has served as a member of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission and the Washington State Bar Association Court Rules Committee.

Judge Kessler is the author of the *Criminal Caselaw Notebook* and updates. He has lectured on court rules, recent cases, prosecution misconduct, and ineffective assistance of counsel at the Washington Judicial College, the Spring and Fall Judicial Conferences, and at the Washington State Bar Association Criminal Justice Institute. He has lectured on sentencing practices at the Appellate Judges' Conference. He was a member of the Supreme Court Capital Counsel Committee.

Judge Kessler served a three-year term as King County Superior Court dependency judge, three years as Chief Criminal Judge for King County, and currently serves as a Family Court judge.